Analysis of College Readiness Essay for Junior Portfolio

***Prompt****: In approximately five months you will need to complete and submit applications to colleges. Analyze your readiness for college, including your academic strengths and areas where you have made progress in the habits of mind and in your reading and writing skills (see Academic Literacy Plan), as well as any specific areas in which you need to improve.*

***Directions:***

Your essay should be 400-500 words and typed in MLA format (1 ½-2 pages) .

Be sure your essay includes a discussion of your readiness for college that references OLH’s college readiness skills and habits of mind. The following is a suggested format for your essay, though you may choose to organize your essay differently:

* **Par 1. (Introduction)**  Introduction and thesis statement (Describe how you are prepared for college and how you still need to grow or improve)
* **Par 2.** **(Body Paragraph 1)** Analyze the academic skills and habits that demonstrate that you are prepared for college/career as evidenced by discussion of the Habits of Mind and College Readiness skills. In which habits and skills are you accomplished (successful) that show your readiness for college? What work in your portfolio reflects this? Be sure to refer to specific evidence and to elaborate.
* **Par 3.** **(Body Paragraph 2)** Analyze the areas in which you still need to improve as you prepare for college and/career. Describe which Habits of Mind and College Readiness skills that you still need to practice and improve. What work in your portfolio reflects this? Be sure to elaborate.
* **Par 4:** **(Conclusion)** Sum up any final thoughts on your readiness for college/career.

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